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SUBJECT: US/ROK MEETING ON ENERGY AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

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1. IN APRIL 22 CONVERSATION, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE PREPARED TO GO TO WASHINGTON FOR PROPOSED SCIENCE MEETING; HOWEVER HE REQUESTED THAT MEETING BE DELAYED UNTIL WEEK OF MAY 17-21. CHOE SAID THAT NEW MINERAL RESOURCES ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH HE RESPONSIBLE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MAY AND IT ESSENTIAL HE BE PRESENT AT THE INITIAL STAGE.

2. IN COURSE CONVERSATION CHOE SAID HE PERSONALLY HAD BEEN A BIT RELUCTANT TO ATTEND MEETING HIMSELF SINCE HE PERCEIVED IT AS FORMALIZATION OF CONVERSATIONS HELD IN JANUARY WITH MR. KRATZER. PRESIDENT PARK HAD TOLD HIM HOWEVER THAT IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT HE GO TO WASHINGTON FOR THIS MEETING. AMBASSADOR AGREED AS TO
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IMPORTANCE OF MEETING AND URGED SCIENCE MINISTER TO

LOOK ON IT AS BEGINNING OF NEW PHASE ROK/US SCIENTIFIC
RELATIONSHIP.

3. COMMENTING ON OUR PROPOSED AGENDA, MINISTER CHOE AGREED
TO IT, BUT PROPOSED ALSO DISCUSSING TECHNICAL COOPERATION
IN ROK RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT. AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT
THIS TOPIC NOT BE INCLUDED IN MEETING SINCE IT DID NOT
FALL WITHIN CHOE/KRATZER MEMORANDUM; INSTEAD AMBASSADOR
THOUGHT MINISTER MIGHT TAKE UP THIS QUESTION ALONG WITH
OTHERS DURING CALLS ON OTHER OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. CHOE
ACCEPTED THIS.

ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTABILITY DATES DURING
WEEK MAY 17-21; POSSIBILITY OF WEEK OF MAY 10-14 RULED OUT
BY ROKS, SUBSEQUENT CLEVELAND MAYHEW TELECON, SINCE DPM NAM DUCK
WOO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON DURING THAT WEEK. ALSO BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR CHOE TO GET FIRST HAND VIEWS OF
KEY PEOPLE IN SCIENTIFIC AREAS OF MOST INTEREST TO HIM. IN
ADDITION TO PERSONS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE IN MIND SUGGEST
APPOINTMENTS BE ARRANGED DURING CHOE VISIT WITH HEADS OF ERDA,
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AID, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, AND NRC.
(RE LAST MENTIONED COMMISSIONER MASON DURING RECENT VISIT SEOUL
MENTIONED TO EMBASSY OFFICERS ONLY, POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY OF
NUCLEAR SAFETY TRAINING SLOTS VIA NRC PROGRAM.) PLEASE ADVISE
AVAILABILITY AND TIMES FOR APPOINTMENTS.
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